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Office Action Summary

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10/662,343

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Bryan Fischmann

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION:

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

Acknowledgements

1. The preliminary amendment filed 9-16-2003 has been entered.

Specification

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of the following:

A) It is believed that wording would be improved if the word "an" were inserted before the word "adjustable" in the first line of the abstract.

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following:

A) The following recited phrases are unclear, awkwardly worded, and/or grammatically incorrect:

Note: The specification is considered replete with instances of awkward and sometimes unclear wording. Therefore, the Examiner cannot guarantee the following is a comprehensive listing of all awkward and unclear wording. Applicant is advised to review the specification for awkward and unclear wording.

1) It is believed that wording would be improved if the word "an" were inserted after the word "with" on line 4 of page 1.

2) To improve wording on line 22 of page 2, it is believed that the word "people" should be substituted with the word "person".

3) The last line of page 2 and the first line of page 3 are considered to be awkwardly worded.

4) The phrase "adopted a conventional technique" in lines 21 and 22 of page 3 is considered to be awkwardly worded.

See also lines 23 and 24 of page 3.

Drawings

4. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign not mentioned in the description:

142. Correction is required.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 1-8 are objected to because of the following:

Note: The claims are considered to be replete with objectionable matter.

Therefore, a comprehensive listing of all objectionable matter cannot be guaranteed.

Applicant is advised to review all claims for unclear matter.

A) It is believed that wording would be improved if the word "an" were inserted before the word "adjustable" in the first line of claim 1.

B) It is believed that wording would be improved if the word "the" were inserted before the word "adjustable" in the first line of claims 2-8.

C) The recitation of "to provide sliding function" on lines 5 and 6 of claim 1 is considered unclear.

D) It is believed that wording would be improved if the word "with" were inserted after the word "mating" on line 9 of claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the claim objection set forth in this Office action.
7. Claims 2-8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objection set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reasons for Allowance

8. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of independent claim 1:

Claim 1 recites (as paraphrased – due to claim objections) the limitation of a roller skate with an adjustable longitudinal dimension comprising a truck, a toe cap and a heel cap that have respectively an anchor section and a sliding section located thereunder, the sliding section mating the sliding track; and at least one adjusting bolt located on one side of the truck being depressible to release the anchor section of the toe cap and the heel cap anchored on the truck so that the toe cap and the heel cap are movable on the top section of the truck to adjust the longitudinal dimension of the roller skate. This limitation, in combination with the other limitations of claim 1, were not found in the prior art.

9. The Examiner would like to make an additional comment regarding the reasons for allowance of independent claim 1.

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It is noted that the disclosed invention by Applicant and the disclosed invention of Soo, US 6,612,592 contain similarities. However, it is noted that Soo fails to meet the claim 1 limitation of "a toe cap and a heel cap that have respectively an anchor section (123) and a sliding section (16) located thereunder". This recitation would require, at a minimum, that the toe cap have an anchor section located under the toe section and a sliding section located under the heel cap. While Soo teaches a sliding section under the heel cap, the "anchor section" (421) of Soo is located on the heel section.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Bryan Fischmann whose telephone number is (703) 306-5955. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Ellis, can be reached on (703) 308-2560. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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